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FOR EB-KATZ AND EB/ORF/FSE - BOSWORTH AND EA/ANP - SQUIRE

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SUBJ: VICTORIA PREMIER HAMER'S INVESTMENT AND TRADE MISSION TO U.S.

REFS A MELBOURNE 2165 B CANBERRA A-120 NOTAL C CANBERRA A-122 NOTAL

1. AS PART OF PLANNING FOR PREMIER HAMER'S VISIT (REFTEL A),
EDWARD HAGGERTY, EXEC V. P., SYDNEY MORRELL & CO, INC,
NEW YORK (VICTORIA'S NORTH AMERICAN REP AND U.S. ACTION
OFFICE FOR MISSION PLANNING) IS CURRENTLY IN MELBOURNE TO
BRIEF PREMIER AND INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS ON PROPOSED ITINERARY.
HE PLANS RETURN TO NEW YORK BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND CAN BE
CONTACTED THERE FOR MISSION PLANNING UPDATES.

2. VICTORIA PROMOTION COMMITTEE (VPC) AND HAGGERTY HAVE
PREPARED FAIRLY FIRM MISSION PROGRAM INCLUDING CALLS ON
COMPANIES, TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, MEDIA REPS, ETC. POUCHING
COP OF PROGRAM ON DEC 20 TO EA/ANP - SQUIRE. WHILE
A SUBGROUP OF MISSION MEMBERSHIP, INCLUDING PREMIER, HAD
ORIGINALLY ONLY PLANNED TO BE BRIEFED BY ERDA OFFICES IN
WASHINGTON AND BRUCETON, PA, SUBGROUP HAS NOW, AT POST'S
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RECOMMENDATION, EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BRIEFINGS WITH STATE
DEPT OFFICERS IN EB/ORF/FSE AND EA/ANP. IF EB ASST
SECRETARY KATZ CAN SEE PREMIER HAMER AND SUBGROUP MEMBERS
AT STATE, I SUGGEST HE DO SO (SEE PARA 3 BELOW),
IN ANY CASE, I RECOMMENDED STRONGLY THAT THEY TALK AT LENGTH WITH
BOSWORTH & RAITCH. SUBGROUP DESIRES MEETINGS WITH DRS SAMUEL GROUSE

AND P. WHITE OF ERDA, WASHINGTON AND DR IRVING WENDER OF ERDA, BRUCETON. MR BRIAN COURT, SECRETARY(TOP PERMANENT CIVIL SERVANT) OF VICTORIA'S MINISTRY OF FUEL AND POWER, HAS DEFINED SEVERAL POINTS HE FEELS SHOULD BE COVERED DURING STATE AND ERDA MEETINGS (BEING POUCHED WITH ITINERARY). SUBGROUP CURRENTLY PLANNED TO COMPRISE PREMIER HAMER; COURT; KEVIN JONES, DEPUTY EXEC OFFICER, OVERSEAS OPERATIONS, VICTORIAN DEPT O F STATE DEVELOPMENT AND DECENTRALIZATION; AND ONE ADDITIONAL INDIVIDIAL. COURT HAS ALREADY MET SEVERAL OF THE ERDA OFFICIALS NAMED ABOVE. HE PLANS ARRIVE WASHINGTON FEB 22 RPT 22 (STAYING AT WASHINGTON HILTON). OTHER MEMBERS OF SUBGROUP DUE TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON FEB 24 RPT 24, PROBABLY IN AM AND PLANS LEAVE WASHINGTON BY FLUOR CORP PRIVATE JET FOR BRUCETON RESEARCH CENTER, PITTSBURGH, EVENING OF SAME DAY. IN ADDITION TO FEB 25 VISIT TO ERDA BRUCETON CENTER, SUBGROUP ALSO WISHES VISIT CONSOLIDATED COAL CO PILOT PLANT AT CRESAP, WEST VIRGINIA SAME DAY AND LEAVE FROM PITTSBURGH AIRPORT SAME EVENING.

3. WE FEEL PREMIER'S VISIT TO STATE DEPT PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION OF AUSTRALIA'S POSSIBLE MEMBERSHIP IN IEA. REF C PAGE 5 PROVIDES FURTHER DETAILS ON CURRENT AUSTRALIAN VIEWS IN THIS REGARD. ON DEC 17 I MET WITH HAGGERTY, VPC REP HIGHET AND CONGEN CONTROL OFFICER MARSHALL, AND I RAISED POINT THAT PREMIER MAY WELL BE QUERIED ON AUSTRALIA'S POSITION WITH RESPECT TO IEA MEMBERSHIP WHEN HE MEETS WITH ENERGY-RELATED INDUSTRY REPS. HAGGERTY AND VPC REP AGREED SUCH QUESTIONS MIGHT BE RAISED IN SEVERAL PLACES AND NOW PLAN TO INCLUDE BACKGROUND INFO ON THIS MATTER IN PREMIER'S BRIEFING BOOK.
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4. CURRENT MISSION MEMBERSHIP AS FOLLOWS: PREMIER OF VICTORIA RUPERT J. ("DICK") HAMER; SIR CECIL ("PETE") LOOKER, EX-PRESIDENT, AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATED STOCK EXCHANGES; SIR MORRIS NATHAN, FORMER LORD MAYOR OF MELBOURNE AND NOW CHAIRMAN OF VPC; KEVIN JONES; BRIAN COURT; IAN BAKER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, VICTORIAN STATE TREASURY; JOHN JACK, DEPUTY SECRETARY, PREMIER'S DEPT; SUSAN CALWELL, EXEC DIRECTOR, MELBOURNE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU; KEVIN HALL, PREMIER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY.

5. FYI: AMBASSADOR HARGROVE HAS OFFERED PREMIER HAMER ADVICE FOR SCHEDULING HOUSTON PORTION OF VISIT. HAGGERTY HAS READ AMBASSADOR'S TELEX AND WILL CONTACT HIM TO COORDINATE SCHEDULE WHEN BOTH ARE IN THE U.S. END FYI.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) CONFIRM AVAILABILITY OF STATE, ERDA-WASHINGTON, AND ERDA-BRUCETON REPS FOR BRIEFINGS FOR PREMIER'S

GROUP; (B) UPON RECEIPT OF POUCHED MATERIALS, ADVISE TALKING
POINTS WHICH STATE AND ERDA PLAN TO COVER DURING THESE
SEVERAL BRIEFINGS; (C) ADVISE APPROPRIATENESS OF FLUOR CORP
REPS (WHO MAY BE TRAVELING WITH PREMIER FOR PART OF MISSION)
ATTENDING MEETINGS; (D) ADVISE IF IT FEASIBLE FOR GROUP
TO VISIT ERDA - BRUCETON AND CONSOLIDATED COAL CO PILOT PLANT
ON SAME DAY AS DOUBTS HAVE BEEN RAISED AS TO DISTANCE BETWEEN
THE TWO LOCATIONS.
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